

MICHIGAN WILD TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE

2005 SPRING SEASON

Application Period January 1–February 1, 2005



Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
Report your hunting activity online.

REMINDER: To be eligible for a leftover license, you must submit an application between Jan. 1 - Feb. 1



Application Information

- You must be 12 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- Review application guide and follow instructions under How to Apply.
- You must pay a \$4 nonrefundable fee at the time of application.
- You may apply
 - at any authorized license dealer
 - at DNR Operations Service Centers
 - online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- It is best to apply using a valid Michigan Driver License number.
- Keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- Verify the customer ID (Michigan Driver License, DNR Sportcard or state of Michigan ID card) numbers were correctly entered. **An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.**
- It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that your information was correctly entered and keep your application receipt.
- You may apply only once, either as an individual or with one partner.
 - The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a "partnership identification" number. The other partner will need this ID number, when applying, to complete the partnership.
- Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
- **It is unlawful to apply more than once or to purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.**
- If successful, you may purchase your turkey hunting license at a license dealer, or online. You do not need to have your notification card with you when you purchase your license.
 - All licenses must be signed to be valid.
 - Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
 - Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

Spring Turkey Hunting Season

All hunters must apply for a license or purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license between January 1 and February 1 to be eligible to participate in the spring turkey hunting season. Hunters who purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license during the application period will not be charged the \$4 application fee. Individuals who apply for the Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) as their first choice will automatically be awarded that hunt.

All participants may purchase one license. Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a leftover license or a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license.

Spring Turkey License Options

Item Number	Name
165	Spring Turkey Application
166	Spring Turkey Resident License
167	Spring Turkey Senior License
168	Spring Turkey Nonresident License*
266	Leftover Spring Turkey Resident License
267	Leftover Spring Turkey Senior License
268	Leftover Spring Turkey Nonresident License
366	OTC Spring Turkey Resident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234
367	OTC Spring Turkey Senior License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234
368	OTC Spring Turkey NonResident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234

*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

**OTC = Over the counter

If you have any questions, contact 517-373-1204.

**Drawing results will be posted March 1
at www.michigan.gov/dnr.**

**All applicants, except those who applied online,
will be mailed a postcard by March 7.**

Assistance

If you encounter problems with your spring wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling 517-373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to Feb. 1. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by March 7.

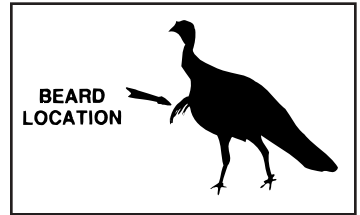
Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, any remaining licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to unsuccessful applicants in the license lottery. Unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license or a guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license in person at any license dealer beginning March 7 at 10 a.m. (EDT).

General Rules

Hunting Hours—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour before local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

Bag Limit—One bearded turkey per licensed hunter. See diagram for beard location. It is unlawful to take or possess a turkey that does not have a beard, or tag a bird you did not kill. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.



Hunting Methods—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, a firearm that fires a shotgun shell, or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is unlawful to use or carry any other firearm, or any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. Archery hunters may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree. A hunter using, or in possession of, a firearm may not hunt from an elevated stand or tree. The use of dogs or use of, or possession of, electronic devices that imitate wild turkey calls is illegal for spring wild turkey hunters in the field.

Authority to Hunt—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

Validating Kills—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird.

Baiting Prohibited—It is unlawful to make use of bait to aid in the taking of a wild turkey. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

License—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred.

Decoys—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

Recreational Trespass

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may hunt on any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch

The Michigan chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in partnership with the DNR, is coordinating Michigan's wild turkey patch program.

Young hunters, ages 12-17, who have a valid wild turkey hunting license, may receive a free patch. Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid wild turkey hunting license, to National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865. Individuals who are purchasing the patch should make their check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation. You do not have to harvest a turkey to purchase a patch.

The NWTF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. Proceeds from patch sales will be used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Each year the NWTF, working cooperatively with the DNR, contributes more than \$300,000 to wild turkey and hunter-heritage programs in Michigan.

Turkey Harvest Reporting Option

Turkey hunters we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve management and ensure decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

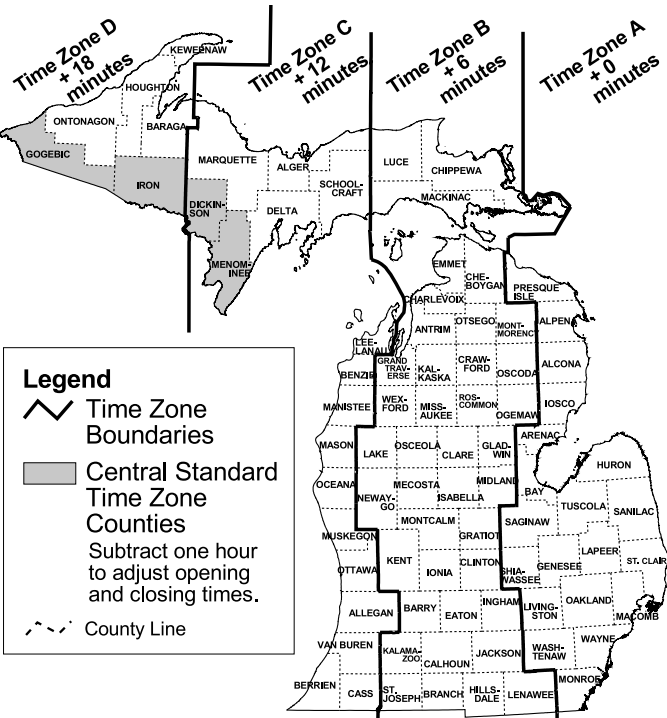
Spring Turkey Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2005 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset) for Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time adjusted for Daylight Savings Time where appropriate. If you are hunting in Dickinson, Iron or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

Zone A Hunting Hours Table.
One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset (adjusted for Daylight Savings Time).

Add the minutes indicated below to the times listed in Table A.



2005	April		May	
Date	AM	PM	AM	PM
1			5:58	8:06
2			5:57	8:07
3			5:56	8:08
4			5:54	8:09
5			5:53	8:11
6			5:52	8:12
7			5:50	8:13
8			5:49	8:14
9			5:48	8:15
10			5:47	8:16
11			5:46	8:17
12			5:44	8:18
13			5:43	8:19
14			5:42	8:21
15			5:41	8:22
16			5:40	8:23
17			5:39	8:24
18	6:18	7:51	5:38	8:25
19	6:16	7:52	5:37	8:26
20	6:15	7:53	5:36	8:27
21	6:13	7:55	5:36	8:28
22	6:12	7:56	5:35	8:29
23	6:10	7:57	5:34	8:30
24	6:08	7:58	5:33	8:31
25	6:07	7:59	5:32	8:31
26	6:05	8:00	5:32	8:32
27	6:04	8:01	5:31	8:33
28	6:03	8:03	5:30	8:34
29	6:01	8:04	5:30	8:35
30	6:00	8:05	5:29	8:36
31			5:29	8:37

Report January Sightings of Wild Turkey

Hunters can assist DNR efforts to locate and count wild turkeys in Michigan by reporting any sightings of wild turkeys during January. This information, which is kept confidential, is used to better manage the turkey resource. You can make your report online at www.michigan.gov/dnr, or you can contact a DNR office listed in this guide.

2005 Spring Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. A fee may be charged and space may be limited. For details, contact:

Jan. 15	Lansing—Lansing Sheraton Hotel Michigan State Chapter, NWTF Dan Potter (248) 548-2036	Mar. 26	Bloomington—Bloomington Telephone Co. Highbank Longbeards & VanBuren Longbeards, NWTF Dan Hogbire (269) 427-6105 or Bert Vanderwheel (269) 217-3310
Jan. 20	Novi—Gander Mountain No. VI Longbeards, NWTF Steve Sharp (517) 566-8599	Apr. 2	Davison—Williams Gun Sight Co. Flint River Chapter, NWTF Jim Miller (810) 736-1570
Jan. 22	Clare—Jay's Sporting Goods Gateway Gobblers Matt Drake (989) 386-3475	Apr. 7 & Apr. 9	Dundee—Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTF AM and PM workshops John Smith (734) 529-4700
Mar. 5	Auburn Hills—Bass Pro Outdoor World Huron Valley Chapter/Beards and Spurs Chapter, NWTF Ted Hundich (586) 979-9128	Apr. 9	Gaylord—Jays Sporting Goods Traverse Bay Chapter, MWTHA Rick Riley (231) 549-2705
Mar. 19	Vicksburg—Vicksburg Middle School S.W. Michigan Longbeards Chapter, NWTF Gary VanDyke (269) 649-0384	Apr. 8 & Apr. 9	Belding—Belding Sportman's Club Flat River Chapter Youth Event Ron Hopkins (616) 794-3364
Mar. 19	Grand Rapids—Devos Place Grand Valley Chapter, NWTF Gary Salmon (616) 538-4934	Apr. 10	Waterford—Pontiac Lake Rec. Area Shooting Range Beard & Spurs, NWTF Brian Williams (248) 666-8525
Mar. 25	Baldwin—Baldwin High School Pere Marquette Chapter, MWTHA Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575		

REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800

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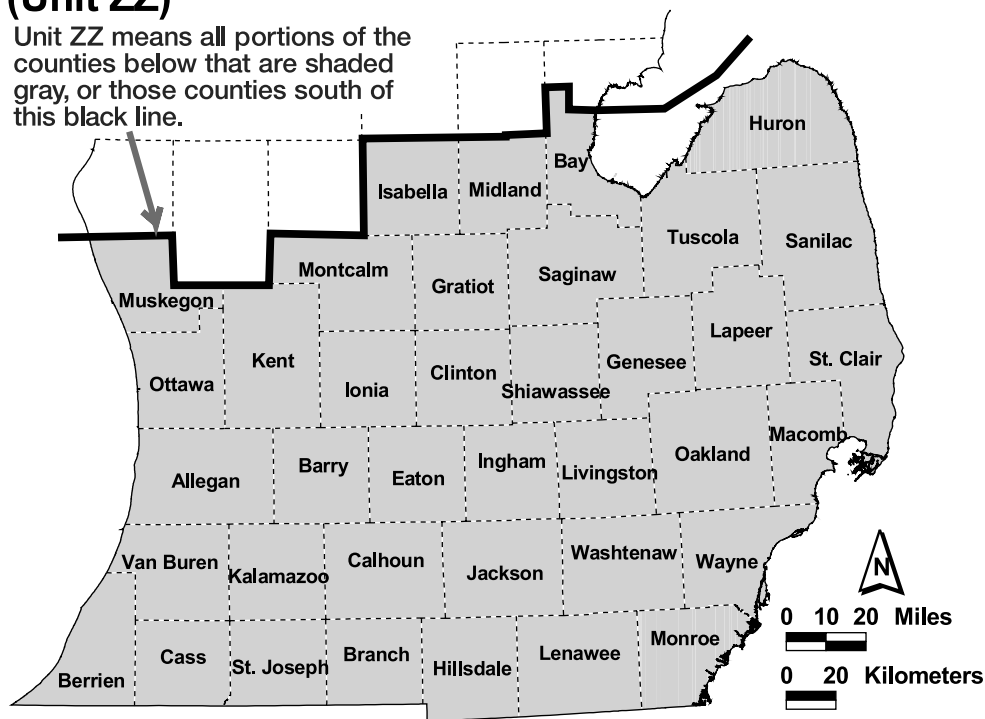
Private Land Limited Quota Hunt

Upper Peninsula Unit M and Unit O

-and-

Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ)

Unit ZZ means all portions of the counties below that are shaded gray, or those counties south of this black line.



Private Land Limited Quota Hunt Units

Includes private land only

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state or federal lands other than enclosed, controlled-access military lands within the management unit. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
201	M	April 18–April 24	450
202	M	April 25–May 1	450
203	O	April 18–April 24	800
204	O	April 25–May 1	800
301	ZZ	April 18–May 1	65,000***

**Quotas may be adjusted based on winter population surveys.

***Quota may be adjusted based on application rate.

Guaranteed Hunt Period

A license for the Guaranteed Hunt Period is valid for all open areas, except public lands other than enclosed, controlled-access military land within the management area in the Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ).

HUNT NUMBER	HUNT UNIT	OPEN SEASON
234	All Spring Units*	May 2–May 31

*Excluding public lands other than enclosed, controlled-access military lands within the management unit in the Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ).

Hunters may purchase a license for Hunt 234 during the application period and will not be charged an application fee. Or, individuals may postpone the purchase of a license by purchasing an application for Hunt 234, but the application fee will be required. Those who apply for Hunt 234 as their first or second choice are guaranteed to be drawn for a license.

NOTE: Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license or one leftover license.

Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date? ____ / ____ / ____
2. Customer ID number? Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
3. Application item type? 165 Spring Turkey Application
4. Joining existing party? No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party (Parties may not exceed 2 people) Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
5. Party ID number? (_____) (Same number as printed on your partner's receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
6. Hunt Number _____ First choice
(See table for hunt numbers) _____ Second choice (optional)

Note: You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

How to Apply

- 1** Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- 2** Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make two choices.
- 3** Complete worksheet.
- 4** Apply at a license agent or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- 5** Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

General Limited Quota Hunt Units

Includes both public and private land

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

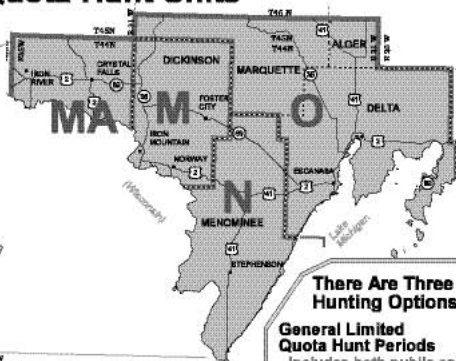
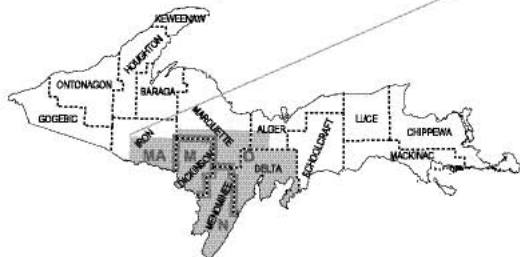
HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
101	A	April 18 - May 1	2,500
102	AA	April 18 - April 24	700
103	AA	April 25 - May 1	700
104	B	April 18 - May 1	4,000
105	E	April 18 - April 24	850
106	E	April 25 - May 1	850
107	F	April 18 - April 24	800
108	F	April 25 - May 1	800
109	H	April 18 - April 24	750
110	H	April 25 - May 1	750
111	J	April 18 - April 24	2,000
112	J	April 25 - May 1	2,000
113	K	April 18 - April 24	4,000
114	K	April 25 - May 1	4,500
115	L	April 18 - April 24	500
116	L	April 25 - May 1	500
117	L	May 2 - May 8	500
118	L	May 9 - May 31	500
119	M	April 18 - April 24	500
120	M	April 25 - May 1	450
121	MA	April 18 - April 24	350
122	MA	April 25 - May 1	350
123	N	April 18 - April 24	1,200
124	N	April 25 - May 1	1,000
125	O	April 18 - April 24	750
126	O	April 25 - May 1	450
127	P	April 18 - April 24	120
128	P	April 25 - May 1	120
129	P	May 2 - May 8	120

130	P	May 9 - May 31	120
131	Q	April 18 - April 24	300
132	Q	April 25 - May 1	300
133	Q	May 2 - May 8	300
134	Q	May 9 - May 31	300
135	QB	April 18 - April 24	125
136	QB	April 25 - May 1	125
137	QB	May 2 - May 8	125
138	QB	May 9 - May 31	125
139	QD	April 18 - April 24	10
140	QD	April 25 - May 1	10
141	QD	May 2 - May 8	10
142	QD	May 9 - May 31	10
143	R	April 18 - April 24	100
144	R	April 25 - May 1	100
145	R	May 2 - May 8	100
146	R	May 9 - May 31	100
147	RA	April 18 - April 24	10
148	RA	April 25 - May 1	10
149	RA	May 2 - May 8	10
150	RA	May 9 - May 31	10
151	T	April 18 - April 24	400
152	T	April 25 - May 1	450
153	T	May 2 - May 8	450
154	T	May 9 - May 31	400
155	U	April 18 - April 24	300
156	U	April 25 - May 1	300
157	U	May 2 - May 8	300
158	U	May 9 - May 31	300
159	UA	April 18 - April 24	275
160	UA	April 25 - May 1	275
161	UA	May 2 - May 8	275
162	UA	May 9 - May 31	275
163	UB	April 18 - April 24	50
164	UB	April 25 - May 1	50
165	UB	May 2 - May 8	50
166	UB	May 9 - May 31	50
167	V	April 18 - April 24	1600
168	V	April 25 - May 1	1600
169	W	April 18 - April 24	400
170	W	April 25 - May 1	400
171	W	May 2 - May 8	200
172	W	May 9 - May 31	200
173	X	April 18 - April 24	440
174	X	April 25 - May 1	440
175	X	May 2 - May 8	440
176	X	May 9 - May 31	440
177	Z	April 18 - April 24	125
178	Z	April 25 - May 1	125
179	Z	May 2 - May 8	125
180	Z	May 9 - May 31	125
181	ZA	April 18 - April 24	150
182	ZA	April 25 - May 1	150
183	ZA	May 2 - May 8	150
184	ZA	May 9 - May 31	150

Spring 2005 Turkey Hunting Units - General Limited Quota Hunt Units

Upper Peninsula Units

Shaded Area Only



There Are Three Hunting Options:

General Limited Quota Hunt Periods

Includes both public and private land. See this map and chart at right.

Private Land Limited Quota Hunt Periods

Includes private land and enclosed, controlled-access military lands within the management unit. See map and chart in upper right corner (with Units M, O, & Z).

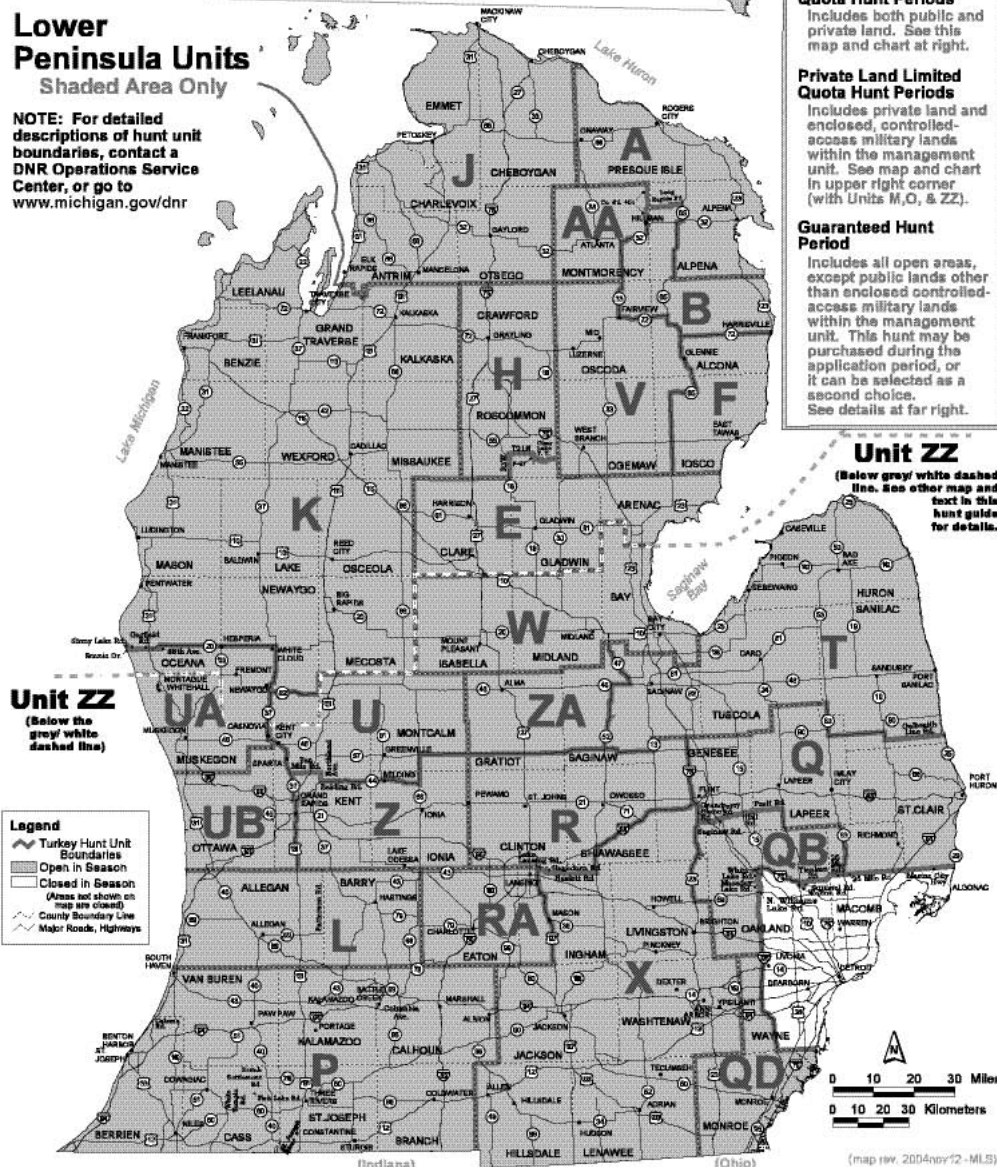
Guaranteed Hunt Period

Includes all open areas, except public lands other than enclosed controlled-access military lands within the management unit. This hunt may be purchased during the application period, or it can be selected as a second choice. See details at far right.

Lower Peninsula Units

Shaded Area Only

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of hunt unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr



Unit ZZ

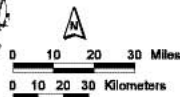
(Below grey/white dashed line. See other map and text in this hunt guide for details.)

Unit ZZ

(Below the grey/white dashed line)

Legend

- Turkey Hunt Unit Boundaries
- Open in Season
- Closed in Season (Areas not shown on map are closed)
- County Boundary Line
- Major Roads, Highways



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TTY - Hearing Impaired.....711 (Michigan Relay Center)

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga
427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Gaylord
1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Bay City
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Marquette
1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561

Roscommon
1-75 & M-18 South
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151

Plainwell
621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851

Newberry
5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5131

Cadillac
8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

Livonia*
38980 Seven Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152
734-953-0241

*This location will be changing in 2005.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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